(e) if not, what action has been taken against those who are responsible for flouting the Cabinet decision?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e) Five drugs namely, ORS, Paracetamol, Rifampicin, Timolol and Sodium Sulphacetamide have been removed from the list of Category I controlled drugs on the basis of the recommendations in the Kelkar Committee Supplementary Report which was submitted to the Government in September, 1988 and was accepted by the then Government.

Visit of High Level Delegation of British Gas

1492. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman and Chief Executive of British Gas had visited New Delhi leading a high level delegation during the second week of February, 1990 to hold discussions with Indian officials;

(b) if so, what specific issues were discussed with the delegation; and

(c) what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The British Gas delegation held general discussions with Govt. officials indicating their interest in the oil and gas development and transportation programmes in the country. The delegation also reviewed with the Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) the details of the techno-economic feasibility study for supply of gas to Delhi and Noida which study was awarded to British Gas in April, 1989. An agreement has also been signed by GAIL with British Gas for undertaking techno-economic feasibility study to evaluate the HBJ system capabilities under a range of supply and demand options and to identify alternative methods to enhance the system reliability.

Compensation for injuries|deaths arising in crash of A-320 at Bangalore

1493. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has received applications for claims arising out of injuries|deaths of passengers on board Airbus A-320 on the 14th February, 1990 at Bangalore;

(b) if so, how many applications for claims have so far been received and how many of them have been settled so far; and

(c) what is the amount of compensation paid to the Indian as well as foreign air passengers on this account?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) So far Indian Airlines has received compensation claims from 33 persons in respect of death and 7 in respect of injuries, out of which 11 claims on account of death and 3 claims fo injuries have been settled. In respect of crew members all the claims have been settled.

(c) The quantum of compensation payable is governed by the Indian Carriage Act, 1972. In respect of international carriage, compensation is governed by the Warsaw Convention and the Hague Protocol. In respect of domestic carriage, the Act provides for minimum compensation of Rs. 2 lakhs for passenger of 12 years and above and Rs. 1 lakh for passenger below 12 years of age. Indian Airlines has, with effect from the 1st of October, 1989, voluntarily agreed to pay compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs. 2.50 lakhs to the passengers of 12 years and above and passenger below 12 years of age, respectively.